

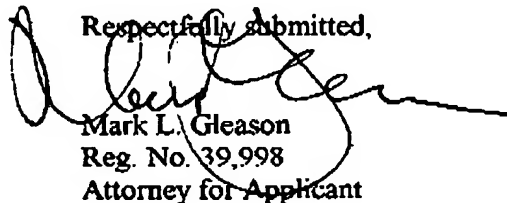
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-26 are subject to a restriction requirement. The office action required restriction to one of two invention groups set forth therein. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18. The claims have been amended to reflect the withdrawal of claims 19-26 in response to the restriction requirement. No substantive amendments have been made.

***Conclusion***

As evidenced by the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants have made a genuine effort to address each concern raised in the office action. All of the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any concerns or questions regarding the present application.

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